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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. AT A PRIVATE LUNCH, MARCH 3, I EMPHASIZED TO MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-K'AI THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK IMPROVED OBSERVANCE WORLD-WIDE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. I POINTED OUT THAT WHILE PREMIER CHIANG'S DISCUSSION WITH CODEL MORGAN LAST NOVEMBER WAS HELPFUL, IT IS NEVERTHELESS ANTICIPATED THAT ALSO IN THE CONGRESS, AND PARTICULARLY REPRESENTATIVE FRASER'S SUBCOMMITTEE, THE SITUATION ON TAIWAN WILL PROBABLY BE A MATTER OF CONTINUING INTEREST AND CONCERN.

2. I REFERRED TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS FROM TIME TO TIME PUT BEFORE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) AND CITED SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE INFORMATION HAS NOT YET BEEN PROVIDED TO US. ONE INSTANCE RELATED TO SEVERAL OF THE CASES UNDER THE CHEN MING-CHUNG CASE HEADING, AND THE OTHER TWO CASES WERE THOSE OF CHOU CHUNG-PING AND CHAN CHUNG-HSIUNG. I TOLD CHOU WE UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFICULTY MOFA MIGHT HAVE IN GETTING INFORMATION PROMPTLY FROM OTHER GROC AGENCIES BUT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. I ALSO SAID I DID NOT WANT TO COMPLICATE MATTERS IF THIS WOULD BE THE RESULT OF MY REQUESTING MINISTER CHOU TO LOOK INTO A MOFA QUESTION BUT HE TOOK MY QUESTIONS AND SAID THAT HE COULD PURSUE THE MATTER WITHOUT ANY EMBARRASSMENT; HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS QUESTION IN TAIWAN TODAY. AS SEVERAL OTHER CHINESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY DONE EARLIER, MINISTER CHOU ALSO NOTED WITH SATIS-

FACTION THE FACT THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS BEEN PURSUING
HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE SOVIET UNION, AND,
AS RECENTLY REPORTED, ALSO IN THE PRC AS WELL AS IN THE REST OF
THE WORLD.
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